

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 12-17, 23-28, and 34 have been canceled.

Claims 7-11, 18-22, and 29-33 are pending in the application.

The previous Office Action indicated that Claims 7-11, 18-22, and 29-33 are directed to allowable subject matter.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

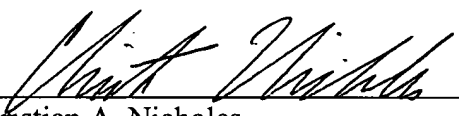
The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is believed that such contact would further the examination of the present application.

If any applicable fee is missing or insufficient, throughout the pendency of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any applicable fees from and to credit any overpayments to our Deposit Account No. 50-1302.

Respectfully submitted,

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